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withing away the boredom of a lazy summer afternoon. There is a certain novelty in the way Joan goes into business with one ardent admirer, or capital furnished by another no less ardent but wealthier sultor. That is about the only novelty in the story, but it is all very pleasant and easy to read.

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ceptance of her duty toward the old family homestead and the weight of tradition which it represents, or her repudiation of it. The weakness of the story is that the author's bias for the homekeeping virtues is evident quite early in the story, and it is only a matter of a few hundred pages and a few superficial complications before the heroine will relinquish all her flighty notions and settle down with the thoroughly good, if somewhat tepid, young man. Perhaps if the author permitted her heroine some sort of a fling a taste of adventure, before making her decision "The Homestead" might have a dash of color that it now lacks.

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